

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2003
CAREY, ID**

Chairman Daryle James, called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Carol Blackburn, Roger Parker, Bob Simpson, Clint Krahn, Mark Dallon, Chuck Pentzer, Lynn Harmon, Bryan Ravenscroft, Vernon Ravenscroft, DEQ representatives Jennifer Claire and Sonny Buhidar and Secretary Dana Sturgeon.

Minutes for March 25, 2003 were reviewed. Bob made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Carol seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Sonny and Carol attended a meeting today on “ Low Impact Development Coordination Meeting For Cities”. This was the 2nd meeting held. Sonny reported that a maximum population build up of 80,000 for Blaine County was used as a projected figure.

Sonny also attended a meeting on the Highway 75 upgrade. IDEQ is working with the Idaho Transportation Department by listing all of the canals, streams and rivers being crossed by Highway 75. The year 2006 is the completion date for the process. The highway will be 120 feet across and will be improved from Timmerman to Ketchum. Due to the improved highway, many residents are concerned about the speed. Sonny said the Highway crosses the Big Wood River three (3) times by Timmerman and south & north of Hailey.

Carol reported for Jo Lowe that Jo has a bid from Kinko on the proposed informational brochures for the watershed. The cost to print an 8 ½ x 14 double-sided sheet, which would be folded, was \$ 400.00 for 500 or \$ 700.00 for 1,000. This was the only quote she has at this time.

There will be a Comprehensive Plan Review meeting on May 7 at 1:00 P.M. at the Forest Service Environmental Resource Center in Ketchum.

Carol said there would be a “Proper Functioning Conditioning Workshop” at the Soil Conservation office in Hailey on July 9 & 10, 2003.

Sonny gave the following slide presentation on the IDEQ budget for FY 2004:

Perspective on Reality

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is not a political party or a political action group that solicits funding for its operations. As an agency of the State of Idaho it relies upon its upper administration, the State Legislature, and the Governor’s Office to provide the necessary funds that are needed to administer its multi-faceted mission relative to air quality, groundwater quality, and surface water quality.

To the extent practical the agency administers it’s funding through strategic planning and annual budgeting processes that deliver planned services for the citizens of Idaho. Certain services may come because of emergency situations, and these too are covered under the budget. In the Twin Falls Regional Office area, the citizens of Idaho are represented by approximately 162,985 persons in an eight- (8) county area.

State’s Operating Budget

BY PROGRAM	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003
Admin & Support	6,164,000	6,539,300	6,463,100
Air Quality	4,880,700	5,701,400	5,986,400
Water Quality	14,836,200	17,528,400	16,889,300
Waste & Remediation	7,304,700	8,369,500	8,506,600
INEEL Oversight	1,833,400	2,326,400	2,336,600
TOTAL	35,019,000	40,465,000	40,182,000

TFRO Budget Area - Operating Dollars

<u>FY\$ CATEGORIES</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003-Sep</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
			Pre-Cut	Official Cut	
TMDLs	162,456	190,447	113,996	83,996	26.3%
Permit & Compliance	2,280	5,994	9,597	9,597	0.0%
General Surface Water	9,300	3,647	6,424	6,424	0.0%
303D/BURP	25,800	13,825	21,265	21,265	0.0%
 TOTAL OPERATING	 199,836	 213,913	 151,322	 121,322	 19.8%
 8-County Area	 \$1.23	 \$1.31	 \$0.93	 \$0.74	
(2000-2001 Population = 162,985)		6.5%	(29.05)	(43.5%)	

Budget Reduction on TMDLs

PRE-TMDL MONITORING

1. Goose Creek Subbasin Assessment - **CUT**
2. Raft River Subbasin Assessment - **CUT**
3. Little Wood River Subbasin Assessment - **CUT**
4. Camas Creek Subbasin Assessment - **CUT**
5. Salmon Falls Creek Pre-SBA - NOT AFFECTED

POST-TMDL MONITORING

6. Lake Walcott TMDL - **CUT**
7. Upper Snake Rock TMDL - **CUT (TRIBUTARIES)**
8. Billingsley Creek TMDL - NOT AFFECTED
9. Big Wood River TMDL - **CUT**
10. Bruneau River TMDL - NOT AFFECTED

How Will TMDLs Be Written?

To the fullest extent possible, practical, and within the budget constraints, TMDLs will be written with up-to-date water quality data beyond BURP.

HOWEVER, depending on the dollars provided by the State Legislature and the Governor, a TMDL can legally be written without any current water quality data that describes existing conditions. Assuming no dollars are given for TMDL monitoring:

- a. WQ targets are selected and used as compliance targets.
For example, 0.100 mg/L TP on free-flowing streams
- b. Best estimates of flow (Q) can be used.
For example, an annual mean Q of 10 cfs.
- c. Loading Capacity = Assimilative Capacity
For example, $LC = 0.100 \text{ mg/L TP} \times 10 \text{ cfs} \times 5.4 = 5.4 \text{ lb/day TP}$
- d. MOS - Normally selected in the range of 5-20%.
This can be increased to account for unknowns.
For example, MOS = 30%
Therefore, $5.4 \text{ lb/day TP LC} \times 0.30 = 1.6 \text{ lb/day TP MOS}$
- e. Assuming no major point sources in the subbasin.
Example, TP = 0.0 lb/day TP Point Sources
- f. Assuming a natural background of 10% in arid desert lands:
Example, $TP = 5.4 \text{ lb/day TP LC} \times 0.10 = 0.5 \text{ lb/day TP NBk}$

TP TMDL for XYZ Creek:

LC TP = 5.4 lb/day TP

MOS, 30% = 1.6 lb/day TP (29.6%)

NBk, 10% = 0.5 lb/day TP (9.3%)

Point Sources = 0.0 lb/day TP (0.0%)

Nonpoint Sources = 3.3 lb/day TP (61.1%)

Private Lands = 0.7 (20.0%)

BLM Lands = 3.5 (65.0%)

USFS Lands = 0.5 (10.0%)

IDL Lands = 0.3 (5.0%)

The TMDL may have language in it that specifically address:

- a. The lack of monitoring data due to budget constraints
- b. Funding will be sought as soon as practical to get existing water quality data that verifies the existing condition
- c. Or, if no monitoring dollars are allocated by the State Legislature or the Governor's Office, then the only assessment tool that might be used during re-assessment may end up being the BURP process.

Comments or Suggestions:

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The May meeting will be held on the 27th in Fairfield at 7:30 p.m. at the Sawtooth Forest Service Office.

The June meeting was scheduled for Carey on the 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Carey City Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Daryle James, Chairman